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SUBJECT: BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING -- SURFACE ACCESS -- DRAFT PUBLIC STATEMENT

The British Embassy has proposed that paragraphs 5 and 6 of the proposed draft Public Statement be replaced by the following paragraph 5:

SURFACE ACCESS

Draft Public Statement, June 16

BEGIN TEXT 5. The three Governments recognise that the mixture of their traffic and ordinary commercial traffic on the same routes makes it reasonable to follow some procedure whereby Allied traffic can be readily identified. Believing that all reasonable identification requirements will thereby be fully met, they have agreed to proceed as follows:

(a) For each military passenger train, military freight train or road passenger vehicle, they will prepare a movement order with the German text added. To each movement order will be attached a list of those travelling certifying that the travellers concerned are official Allied personnel proceeding to or from Berlin. There will be duplicate copies of each movement order and attached list of travellers. The movement orders and the duplicate copies will be stamped by an Allied officer to show the date and the time at which the train or vehicle enters East Germany. On the autobahn one duplicate copy of the movement orders and list will be handed to the East German checkpoint personnel on entry and another on exit at the checkpoints at Marienborn and Nowawes. On the train a duplicate copy of the movement order and list will be handed over to the East German personnel at the checkpoint at Marienborn. The three Governments look to the East German authorities to afford the Allied train or vehicle free passage on receipt of this information. There will be no change as regards the commercial document for Allied freight which is produced on request at the train checkpoint.

(b) For road convoys and load-carrying vehicles the Allied authorities will use the same special movement order (the "convoy and freight" movement order) which is now in use and agreed with the Soviet authorities for such movements with the German text added. Copies of this special movement order will be stamped with the date and the time of entry into East Germany and will be handed to the East German checkpoint personnel on entry and exit. END TEXT.

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The revised text is intended to make the Public Statement more consistent with the surface access contingency procedures approved by the Three Governments than it now is. And, as far as we can tell, the new language does not change the substance of the agreed procedures.

The Department's comments and instructions would be appreciated.

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